Bullet proof steel supplied by SAIL

†*295. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bullet proof steel supplied by SAIL has not proved fully well on examination;

(b) if so, when this examination was got conducted and the reasons for its failure; and

(c) whether Research Department of Ministry of Defence had **a** say in the manufacturing of the said steel, if so, the reasons for which the Research Department failed in removing this fault?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the samples of bullet proof (BP) steel supplied by SAIL have failed in ballistic tests.

(b) The ballistic test firing were conducted on 08 May 1999; 05 November 1999 and on 18 February 2000 at BSF Firing Range, Bhondsi, Haryana. Some samples of BP steel plate failed to withstand ballistic firing test due to manufacturing defects such as thickness variation, improper hardness and heavy lamination.

(c) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had developed the bullet proof steel and transferred the technology to SAIL. SAIL has taken appropriate measures to resolve the quality control problems arising out in the production.

Security personnel killed by Landmine Blast

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SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of security and police personnel killed so far in landmines blast in all States including Jammu and Kashmir, Statewise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to curb completely such incidents which are taking place continuously; and

(c) alternatively what is Government's programme in this regard?

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